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Ex-Navy Radioman Accused of Passing Secrets to Filipinos

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SAN DIEGO, Feb. 5 (AP) — A retired Navy radioman was formally charged Wednesday with passing classified information to Philippine police officials while working at a Navy communications center there, a Navy spokesman said.

Michael H. Allen, 53 years old, who was arrested in the Philippines Dec. 4 and returned to San Diego for prosecution, was charged with three espionage-related counts under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Mr. Allen, who could be sentenced to life in prison, will be tried in a general court-martial here, according to the spokesman, Senior Chief Petty Officer Fred Larsen.

The former radioman is accused of wrongfully copying and removing confidential material from the Naval Telecommunications Center at Cubi Point; communicating and delivering to foreign officials classified and unclassified information developed by United States military forces, and wrongfully soliciting another person to commit espionage against the United States.

He remains jailed at the Navy brig where he has been in custody since shortly after his arrest.

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